

## ABSTRACT

In an organic EL device having a first electrode of a light reflective material, organic layer including an organic light emitting layer, semitransparent reflection layer, and second electrode of a transparent material that are stacked sequentially, and so configured that the organic layer functions as a cavity portion of a cavity structure, light that resonates in a certain spectral width (wavelength  $\lambda$ ) is extracted by so configuring that optical path length  $L$  becomes minimum in a range satisfying  $(2L)/\lambda + \Phi(2\pi) = m$  ( $m$  is an integer) where the phase shift produced in light generated in the organic light emitting layer when reflected by opposite ends of the cavity portion is  $\Phi$  radians,  $L$  is optical path length of the cavity portion, and  $\lambda$  is the peak wavelength of the spectrum of part of light to be extracted.